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Attention Provider Types 20 (Specialty 170) and 22: Dental Anesthesia Codes D9223 and D9243 Service Limitation

Dental anesthesia codes D9223 (General Anesthesia, each 15 minutes) and D9243 (IV Sedation, each 15 minutes) have a service limitation of five (5) units per day. Claims for these codes submitted by provider type 20 (specialty 170 – Physician/ Maxillofacial Surgery) and provider type 22 (Dental) have been denying in error if 2 to 5 units are billed. The claims processing system will be updated to pay claims up to the limitation of 5 units and deny only the claims that exceed the limitation of 5 units with edit code 0225 (Units billed exceeded maximum allowable units for this procedure).

Claims for dental codes D9223 and D9243 with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, for 2 to 5 units that denied will be automatically reprocessed. A future web announcement will notify providers when the system is updated with the correct service limitation and when the claims will be reprocessed.